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Sen. Jackson Is Cool On Rumsfeld and Bush

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), in a speech accusing President Ford mismanaging detente and giving away too much to the Russians, said last night that he seriously doubts that he can support the nominations of Donald Rumsfeld asSecretary of Defense and George Bush

as director of the CIA.
"Don Rumsfeld and George" · Bush cannot hold a candle to James Schlesinger and Bill Colby in terms of judgment, knowledge or intellectual ability," declared Jackson in a speech prepared for a meeting of the New England Society of Newspaper Editors in Springfield, Mass. The President, who met with the editors earlier in the day, ousted Schlesinger from the Defense Department and Colby from the CIA last Sunday in order to put White House aide Rumsfeld and former GOP national chairman Bush in their jobs.

Jackson, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, said that in dealing with Russia, the President needs strong men, unafraid to speak their minds, at the Defense Department and CIA. But, Jackson said, Mr. Ford risks turning Rumsfeld and Bush into compliant yes-men by hinting that one or the other might eventually wind up as his running mate in the 1976 election.

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